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Of the Actions of the Confederate and *French* Armies.

With a List of the *German* Forces arrived to the Assistance of the Duke of *Savoy*.

In a Letter from a Gentleman in the Army to his Friend in *London*.

Dated *August* the 13*th*. New *Stile*.

20. Aug. 1691

SIR,

Since the taking of *Beaumont*, by a Detachment of our Army, the Duke of *Luxemburg*, has employed all his skill to Repossess himself of that place, by reason of its Advantagious Situation, but hitherto he has been frustrated in all his Designs. Between the 9*th* and 10*th* he broke up, with his Camp, in hopes to surprize the *Count van der Lippe*, who had put a strong Garrison into that place: But his Majesty having timely Notice of his Design; gave immediately Orders to our Army to March, which we did accordingly the 10*th* in the Afternoon, and about 5 a Clock at Night, we came within Sight of the Enemy, we Marched directly towards him; And about Night our whole Army was ranged in order of Battel, within a Cannon Shot of the *French*. They had posted themselves upon the Hills of *Faubrechies*, and we had *Beaumont* in the midst of our Line. The whole Night was spent in laying Bridges over a Water and Morass that was between us and the Enemy, some of our Cannons were Planted, and we intended to pass the Bridges by break of Day, and to Attack the Enemy, but his Majesty being advanced within a Musquet Shot of the Enemy, and taken a full view of the Ground, it was found that there was not Room enough to Range four Regiments in order of Battle; There being nothing but Defilees on all sides, and that Consequently it was impossible to Attack the Enemy, without hazarding our whole Camp. We remain'd nevertheless in order of Battle, to try if the Enemy would give himself the Trouble to come half way; But they keeping themselves very close according to their usual manner, we returned in the sight of the Enemy. It was expected they would fall into our Rear: Having so fair an opportunity for it; But not a Man of theirs stirr'd, and we arrived safely into our old Camp at Court. Since this time orders have been sent to the Bailiffs and Majors to have eigtheen thousand Pioneers ready to March, within three days time, and this is without doubt to execute some considerable Enterprise. We have indeed not been able as yet to provoke

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our Enemy to a Pitch-Battel, nor have we taken any great Fortresses; But if understanding Men will soberly consider that his Majesty has forc'd the *French*, to entertain for so Considerable a time, Two vast Armys within their own Territories, that so considerable a part of the *French* Kings Dominions, that enabled his Forces to make such great Excursions into the remaining *Spanish* Provinces, are now destroyed and laid waste, And that in the mean time, there is time given to the Subjects of his Catholick Majesty quietly to bring in their Harvest, and consequently to fill the Magazins with Provisions for the next Campaign, I say they that consider all this, will certainly agree that the King has done very much, and more than reasonably could be expected, altho' it should not come to any considerable Action this year, which as yet we have great reason to hope, for the last News we had out of *Savoy* and *Piedmont* entertain us in our hopes of great Success on that side.

Montmelian makes a vigorous defence, though it has been formally Besieged, and the Trenches opened eight days ago. *Catinat* with the main Body retreats towards *Pignerol*, and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* is always at his heels. Upon their Retreat to *Piobes*, Prince *Eugene* fell into his Rear with 500 Horse, and cut entirely off three Squadrons of Horse, and a Troop of Carbines of the Enemy, but the Enemy, being reinforced, the Prince did retreat, and had certainly lost his life, in case a *German* had not killed a *French* Dragoon that was just going to shoot the Prince. In the mean time, the *French* carry all their provisions out of that Country into *Dauphine*, which is a certain sign that they have but little hopes to maintain themselves in *Savoy*. The three *German* Generals *Caraffa*, *Palfy*, and the Prince of *Commercy*, are alredy arrived at *Turin*, and his Electoral Highness of *Bavaria* is expected there himself within few days, he having taken the Post at *Munichen*, *August* the 10*th*. *New-stile*, Besides the *German* Succors has all past through the Dutchy of *Milain* from whence we have received this following List,

A List of the *German* Forces that Marched through the *Milaneze* to the Assistance of the Duke of *Savoy*, from *June* the 29*th*. to *July* the 30*th*.

Of the Regiment of Foot of *Wirtemburg*	180
Of *French* Protestants	324
Lorrain	700
Coberg	450
Brandenburg	400
Staden	900
Old-Wirtemberg	2200
Saxen-Mersburg	1500
Wirtemberg Dragoons *Cuirassiers*	110
Horse to recruit the Regiments of *Bavaria*, the Prince of *Savoy's Montecuculi's* and *Taff's*	450
The Dragoons of *Arco*	1200
Baraith Dragoons	1000
Palfi Cuirassiers	1000
Caraffa Cuirassiers	1200
Steinau	1200
French Protestants, with the Equipage of *Caraffa*	280
Commercy Horse	1000
In all	14094.

From the *Rhine* we hear that the Elector of *Saxony* having left a considerable Body on this side the *Rhine*, has repast that River, and is going to Besiege *Lindaw*.

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